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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002 for two(2) month(s) from January 7, 2003 to March 7, 2003. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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